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Cc: Stein, Haley (Law); Praschak, Andrew; Salig, Mary (Parks)
Subject: RE: Columbia Pending Items

Hi Margaret,

The signs were installed at the fields on June 5. The range fencing was installed the week of May 11. The fields are closed with a bolt on the chain and a lock, but I have to pass the baton to the borough for a more detailed explanation, save that the gate cannot be opened save with the key to the padlock.

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Subject: RE: Columbia Pending Items

Good afternoon Commissioner Jeffrey and Joel,

I wanted to follow up on the items below. Can you please let me know:

1. Have signs been installed at the entrances to Ball Fields #5 – 8, and if so, what date?
2. What date was the remainder of the range fencing (in the zig-zag pattern) installed?
3. Have the gates to the fields been locked with a type of lock that can't be easily removed? If so, what date?

Also, please provide the revised maintenance checklist for these fields.

Thank you,

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From: Gregor, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 1:03 PM
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Cc: Stein, Haley (Law); Praschak, Andrew; Salig, Mary (Parks)
Subject: RE: Columbia Pending Items

Hi Joel,

We approve the language for the signs (sorry for the delay). It's preferable for the acronyms to be spelled out if possible; I know this is an environmentally savvy community but I frequently get asked what EPA stands for, so I think it's better to err on the side of caution.

I thought I might have the analytical results by now, but I still haven't received them. I'll keep everyone posted.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Columbia Pending Items

Hi Margaret,

Checking in with the borough on the lock issue and your edits to the checklist. As for the signage, Parks was waiting to hear if the proposed signage was acceptable to EPA before manufacturing and installing anything. Is the signage I sent acceptable to EPA?

Any word on the test results?

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 11:21 AM

To: Jeffrey, Kevin (Parks); Bermejo, Joel (Parks)

Cc: Stein, Haley (Law); Praschak, Andrew; Salig, Mary (Parks)

Subject: RE: Columbia Pending Items

Good morning,

Thank you Joel for sending the information below while I was out. Please find attached my comments and suggested edits to the maintenance checklist, and provide the final version. Once it's finalized, please provide the completed inspection checklist to me via email every Wednesday.

The last time I was at the fields in late April, at least one of the gates to the fields was closed with a chain and a bolt which could be easily unscrewed by hand (see attached photo). The entrances should be locked with padlocks or other locks which can't be easily opened by the general public, to ensure that the fields aren't being used. Please let me know when this is corrected.

Two last questions: Were the signs installed at the field entrances on Friday, May 22nd? What date was the remainder of the range fencing (in the zig-zag pattern) installed?

Also, as an FYI I am still waiting for the analytical data from the April sampling event. I'm hoping to get it this week, but am out on Friday.

Thanks,

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To: Gregor, Margaret

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Subject: Columbia Pending Items

All,

To answer Margaret Gregor's last set of follow-up questions from Wednesday:

- Parks will post the signage around the site by close of business next Friday, May 22, at each entrance. A preview of the sign is attached, version #1 with acronyms and version #2 spelling out the agency names.

Also, regarding the additional fencing:

- Additional fencing on the Lorraine side of the block has been installed in a zig-zag pattern, to prevent the use of the wide grassy areas between the range fencing and chain link being used as an impromptu dog run.
- Parks will conduct weekly inspections of the eight locked entrances in the installed chain link fencing, the perimeter of the chain link fencing, and the additional range fencing for fencing integrity. At the same time, clay levels in the infield areas and perimeter grass areas will be inspected for signs of cover depletion. A weekly inspection checklist will be completed and provided to EPA.
- Parks will mow the grass areas once every four weeks and note additional measures taken on that week's inspection checklist.

Please also see attached a draft checklist for weekly and monthly inspections of fields 5,6,7, and 8, the perimeter chain link fencing, and the surrounding grass areas and range fencing.

Have a good weekend,

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